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ALEPPO'S GIFT TO BOSTON

THE following article is reprinted from the front page of the September 2, 1943, Boston Post:

ALEPPO TO GIVE "CHIMP" TO HUB ZOO NEW ENGLAND CHILDREN INVITED TO JOIN NAME CONTEST

A white-faced baby chimpanzee will be presented to the Franklin Park Zoo by Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine as a gift to the children of Boston, Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Illustrious Potentate of the Shrine, announced last night.

The children of New England were invited by Judge Wilson to suggest an appropriate name for the nameless chimp, and the Shrine head disclosed that a \$25 war bond will be awarded to the boy or girl who submits the name selected.

Presentation will be made at the opening of the famous Hamid-Morton three-ring circus, to be held at the Boston Garden, starting Sept. 25, under the sponsorship of the Shrine. Franklin Park has no chimpanzee at the present time. The chimp is said to be very tame and gentle.

Aleppo Temple gave Franklin Park its first baby camel a year ago, and four Greater Boston children submitted "Jeep" as the winning name in a contest conducted at that time by the Shrine.

Many Prizes

Judge Wilson said: "Every New England boy and girl under 15 years of age is invited to write his or her name, age and complete address on a sheet of paper and then write down the suggested name for the chimpanzee." After that the contestant should write, in not more than 25 words, a short letter on the subject: "Why the zoo should have a chimpanzee."

The letters should be addressed to the Chimpanzee-Naming Contest, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, and must be received not later than noon on Saturday, Sept. 18. Judge Wilson said that in the event the winning name is submitted by more than one child the letter will be the deciding factor.

Aleppo Temple will also award 203 prizes for the best names submitted. Second prize will be \$10 in war stamps. Third prize will be \$5 in war stamps. Fifty other prizes of \$1 each in war stamps will be

awarded and, finally, 150 pairs of tickets to the Hamid-Morton circus will be awarded.

Judge Wilson said that a child may submit as many different names as he wishes, but pointed out that one clever name is better than half a dozen mediocre ones.



THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN

EVERYONE likes a circus, both youngsters and oldsters.

Our Potentate recently sent us a clipping which he had received from one of our Nobles, who is a Past Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. Noble Claude L. Allen read the article in the "Scottish Rite News," the publication of the Erie Pennsylvania Consistory. It was written by Dell Darling and appealed to our Past Grand Master so much that he sent it for others to enjoy. We feel sure you will agree with him.

The article gives a very interesting outline of the men who own and operate circuses. It is Brother Darlings contention that the circus business was originated by, and is being operated in a very large degree by, members of the Masonic Fraternity.

"This column is devoted to my great love—the Circus. I yield to no man a greater acquaintance in the show world and among the many members of the Masonic Fraternity who belong to it. May I say that nearly every big circus owner and many of the executives are members of some branch of the Masonic Fraternity.

"John Ringling North, the grandson of the founder of the Greatest Show on Earth (Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey), is a 32° Mason. He carries on the great circus tradition by taking charge of the business management of that show. Do you remember Frank Worth? He is a Noble and belongs to Mecca Temple in New York City. When Zem Zem Oriental Band accompanied Potentate Elmer Evans to Atlantic City to the Imperial Council session, they were royally entertained by Frank Worth who then had his circus on the Million Dollar Pier. Our own Ernie Wiswell and his funny Ford are an integral part of any circus. Ernie is a member of the Commonwealth Lodge of Erie. He is now on tour in the great Southwest.

"I love a circus. Listening to the laughter of eager children as they view the parade of wonders, makes me realize that life is good and worth living, too. A few

hours spent under the canvas of this Wonder World enables me to find forgetfulness from the wear and tear and care of the world outside. Let me sit near the middle ring and let me hear the Circus Band play the "grand entry," and I am young again in heart and spirit. Give me some kids close enough to share the wonderment and surprise and to laugh with me and I feel a tingle and warmth racing through my heart as it always does, and I am contented. Yes, and give me the clowns with all their fun. That's the word, FUN, indeed we need it now.

"The circus as we know it is distinctly an American Institution. It holds an appeal to the average American that no other form of entertainment can match. The big rings, the animals, the side shows, the peanuts and pink lemonade, all contribute their share to the thrills and magic of a fairy land world."

Aleppo Temple's annual circus is also operated by a Mason and a Shriner, Col. Robert H. Morton. Colonel Morton has, what we believe to be the biggest and best three-ring circus in the country.

The Shrine Temples who sponsor Colonel Morton's circus each year include Moslem Temple of Detroit; Rameses Temple, Toronto, Ont.; Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia; Damascus Temple, Rochester; Karnak Temple, Montreal, Que.; Shrine Club, Ottawa; Kazim Temple, Roanoke; Cyprus Temple, Albany; Al Chymia Temple, Memphis; Jaffa Temple, Altoona; Midian Temple, Wichita; Arabia Temple, Houston; Za-ga-zig Temple, Des Moines; Akdar Temple, Tulsa and many others.



BOSTON POST LIKES ALEPPO'S GIFT

THE following is reprinted from an editorial in the Boston Post, Friday, September 3, 1943.

"There will be whoops of glee from the children at the news that Aleppo Temple of the Shrine is going to present a baby chimpanzee to the Franklin Park Zoo.

"The interest taken by the Shrine in the population of the zoo is for the benefit of all Bostonians and the many thousands who come from everywhere each summer to visit the great zoo. The camel presented last year, and named "Jeep" proved a great attraction. The baby "chimp" will be another. The city is indebted to Aleppo Temple of the Shrine for its kindly interest in bringing delight to the children."

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A MESSAGE FROM THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE

SICILY and Chicago are far removed geographically, but coinciding events at both places give demonstrative proof of the unanimity in thought, purpose and action of our Canadian and American neighborfolk. In Sicily, Canadian fighters unite with their American and British Allies to liberate freedom-loving peoples and to obliterate Axis domination. In Chicago, the Imperial Council graciously bestowed upon a Canadian neighbor the distinctive honour of unanimous election as Imperial Potentate. "Now our grand Fraternity is knit more firmly still, united in determination against the evil will." Humbly, but with a vivid awareness of the vast responsibilities involved and with confident reliance upon your ever-continuing helpfulness, the gavel of leadership will be wielded impartially, with a reverent prayer for Victory for our common aspirations.

Daily, almost hourly, the radio and press herald the news of greater gains and further advances by our Allied forces on the triumphant march to Victory. It takes an abundance of careful planning, constant preparation and perfect training plus the courageous spirit of our fighting men on the battle-line and the determined spirit of our civilian force on the home front to produce these decisive results.

Our Temples, our Lodges, our Hospitals also show inspiring gains. Careful planning and harmonious labours by the Officers and Nobility will produce a continuance of the progressive gains in every branch of the freedom-loving family of Freemasonry.

With concord we sing "God Save the King" and "America" to the self-same tune. With similar unanimity we proclaim "Forward Freemasonry" and "Smile, Shriners" with hopes Heavenward for a speedy and triumphant realization of our common objectives. Blessed be the tie that binds.

With warmest fraternal greetings,
MORLEY E. MacKENZIE,
Imperial Potentate.

ALEPPO TEMPLE CELEBRATES IN SYMPHONY HALL

WITH a Special Grand Jubilee Ceremonial in Symphony Hall, Boston, Tuesday, August 31st, Aleppo Temple celebrated its Sixtieth Anniversary by initiating 38 new Nobles into the Order.

Being the second extra ceremonial of the year the Nobility gave their stamp of approval of the program to keep the Shrine active during the present crisis, by attending in record number for the year.

A buffet dinner was served in Horticultural Hall directly across the street between 5:00 and 7:00 P.M. Our steward, Noble Al Yarlotte, with his corp of assistants, did noble work in serving 2,500 Shriners during these times of war rationing. The caterers, Nobles Andrew S. and Irving L. Seiler, are to be commended on the splendid part they played in preparing the food for this occasion.

The Aleppo Band, under the direction of our Band Leader, Walter M. Smith, opened the Ceremonial in Symphony Hall with a band concert from 6:15 to 6:45 P.M., which was followed by the display of the flags of the United Nations by Lieutenant Beckman and members of the Second Platoon of the Arab Patrol. Each Platoon member carried a separate flag which he presented on the stage as the name of the country was announced and the date that country entered the war. This display brought a tremendous ovation from the Nobles present. The Aleppo Temple service flag bearing the number 261 was unfurled as the Nobility stood at attention and pledged allegiance to the American Flag. To complete this spectacular opening of the Temple, Lt. Col. Raymond Lang, Head Chaplain of Camp Edwards, and a Noble of Aleppo Temple, gave the invocation, which was followed by a beautiful rendition of the "Vacant Chair" by the Aleppo Temple Choir.

At the business meeting which followed, forty (40) candidates were elected to membership, thirty-eight (38) of whom were present and were initiated into the Order of the Mystic Shrine. Four (4) Nobles were affiliated to membership and eighteen (18) former members were re-instated.

Upon motion of Assistant Recorder, Harvey B. Leggee, the following Nobles who have, in the past, rendered distinguished service to Aleppo Temple, were unanimously elected Honorary Members. Frank M. Ames, Recorder of Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y.; Robert C. Booth, Recorder Mahi Temple, Miami, Florida; Thomas P. Bradley, Past Potentate Aad Temple, Duluth, Minn.; L. T. Chalgren, Potentate Zuhrah Temple, Minneapolis, Minn.; Noble Monty Fer Don, Antioch Temple, Dayton, Ohio; Fred H. Galle, Recorder, Khiva Temple, Amarillo, Texas; John W. Gibb, Recorder El Maida Temple, El Paso, Texas; Chester B. Koontz, Past Potentate Khedive Temple, Roanoke, Va.; John F. Linn, Recorder Ballut Abyad Temple, Albuquerque, N. M.; W. Howard Millington, Recorder Mirza Temple, Pittsburg, Kansas; C. C. Nye, Recorder Za-Ga-Zig Temple, Des Moines, Iowa; Glenn W. Stephens, Potentate Zor Temple,

Madison, Wis., and T. E. Stinson, Recorder Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich.

Potentate Wilson thanked the Nobles for their support of his program of activity in the past and announced several coming events of the Temple for the balance of the year including the annual Shrine base ball day at Fenway Park, Thursday, September 9th, the third annual Shrine circus in Boston Garden, September 25th to October 3d, the resumption of the Shrine Luncheons in September, the Annual Ladies Bridge and Dance at the Hotel Statler in October and the regular ceremonial in November.

At the conclusion of the business meeting the Officers retired from the stage and the Ritualistic Degree Team, under the direction of Noble Wilfred C. Mills, gave a rendition of the first and third sections of the Shrine ritual in full form.

This is the first opportunity this Ritualistic Team has had to work on a large stage before an audience of this size, due to the fact that this work in the past has taken place in the afternoon on ceremonial days, in a small hall. Noble Mills and his co-workers, who are all past masters of Blue Lodges, are to be congratulated for their wonderful ritualistic work which was witnessed for the first time by most of those present.

At the conclusion of the Ritualistic degree work, Potentate Wilson delivered the "Inspired Charge" to the candidates in his usual magnificent and effective manner.

The Aleppo Degree Staff also had the opportunity to work in an entirely new setting. Being the first time this Staff has had to work on a stage they are to be commended for their ability to create new stunts of interest and keep things humming right on schedule. Under the leadership of Director Frank W. Watson, the Degree Staff boys put the candidates through their paces in a manner most pleasing to the Nobility present and very effective to the newly created Novices.

Noble Charles Washington Pike, Aleppo's Director of Entertainment presented an outstanding one and a half hour Grand Jubilee Vaudeville show consisting of some of the biggest and most celebrated acts in this part of the country, which closed one of the most successful ceremonials Aleppo has had for many months.

Despite the rationing regulations governing travel and food, this special Ceremonial was attended by nearly five hundred more members than appeared at our last ceremonial held in May, and those in attendance were well paid for their efforts.

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NOBLE, JOIN THE CIRCUS DADDY'S CLUB!

There are 100,000 underprivileged Children in Greater Boston and vicinity. We again want each and every one of them to see **THE WORLD'S LARGEST PROFESSIONAL CIRCUS**, sponsored by Aleppo Activities.

Will your name be listed among those who gave the unfortunate kiddies the time of their lives at the Shrine circus?

You can do your part by mailing in your check for your book of circus tickets now! Remove enough for your family. But every ticket you return, with check to cover the same, will take two underprivileged Kiddies to the circus as your guests on any matinee. A \$10.00 check with the return of your full book of tickets (if you cannot use them), will thus make **YOU A DADDY TO 40 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND ORPHANED KIDDIES**. Tickets to **YOU** are 60 cents; at the **DOOR** cost 75 cents.

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THE list of members and friends of Aleppo Temple who have joined the "Circus Daddy's Club" is growing in leaps and bounds. This list is comprised of names of those who have purchased tickets to our coming Annual Shrine Circus in Boston Garden and have returned some or all of their book of twenty tickets to the Committee for the purpose of admitting underprivileged and crippled children.

Each book of tickets so purchased and returned to the Committee will make you a daddy to forty (40) youngsters, who otherwise would not be able to see the circus, and many of whom have as yet never seen one. Each one of the "Daddy" tickets will admit two children in the name of the sponsor.

The first "Daddy" list, recently mailed to all members, was comprised of Nobles who joined the Daddy's Club up to August 31st. The list in this issue of the ALEPPO NEWS includes those who joined between August 31st and September 8th.

Send in your check now, and as many tickets as you cannot use, thus placing your name on our next Daddy list.

The following are excerpts from letters received from Nobles who have joined our Circus Daddy's Club:

"Aleppo Temple Activities,
"97 Huntington Ave.,
"Boston, Mass.

"Gentlemen:

"I am inclosing my check for ten dollars and returning all but four tickets.

"I understand these tickets will be used to admit thirty-two youngsters to the circus."

"Block of Circus Tickets is returned herewith, intact, along with my \$10.00 check.

"As Chief Engineer of a diesel ship, and times as they are, family life and mine are not closely associated.

"During my intermittent trips to Boston I see plenty of kids on the streets, apparently unsupervised. If this small donation can keep them in good spirits and good company even for a short time, I shall be well pleased and proud that I belong to an organization that recognizes need — and does something about it!"

"In response to your recent appeal, we are enclosing check for \$10.00 covering tickets for the Shrine Circus, the majority of which I am returning to help meet requirements for the underprivileged children."

"I am enclosing herewith my check for \$10.00 for Circus Tickets, and I am returning ten of these which you will kindly distribute to worthy children.

"I trust that this affair will be a huge success as in the past."

"I am pleased to inclose my check for \$10.00 — also the circus tickets I am returning so that you may have some kiddies enjoy your wonderful circus."

"I am pleased to inclose again this year my check to you for \$10.00 in payment of a book of tickets for Aleppo Temple's Mammoth Indoor Circus. I am also returning the tickets and leave it to your discretion to distribute them amongst the needy and underprivileged children.

"It is indeed a pleasure to send this check to you, and if at any time I can be of further service please do not hesitate to call on me."

DADDY'S CLUB

LIST NO. 2

"As I am located in Atlanta, Ga., and am unable to find anyone in Atlanta who can attend the circus in Boston, I am returning the tickets you sent me, and inclosing my check for \$10.00. Just give these tickets to some kids in Boston who would like to see the show."

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CAMELS IN WARFARE

ONE of our Nobles recently mailed us a clipping taken from a Boston newspaper, which seemed to interest him, due to the fact that there was considerable comment with reference to Aleppo Temple presenting a camel to the Boston Zoo in connection with the Shrine Circus, last fall. The comment at that time was with reference to Mayor Tobin giving his time to having his picture taken at City Hall, greeting a camel.

The Noble, who sent in the following clipping, commented on the fact that camels can be of great value in war times in combat service, as well as entertaining in a circus.

CAMEL CORPS AIDS ROUT OF ARMORED UNIT

ESCAPE INJURY IN FIGHT WITH NAZIS

By HAROLD V. BOYLE

"WITH FRENCH FORCES ON THE SOUTHERN TUNISIAN FRONT, April 6 (Delayed), (AP)—Without suffering a single casualty, 200 pantaloons-clad fighters of the French camel corps helped rout a German armored column after a three and one-half hour battle on the desert sands.

"In association with members of the French Foreign Legion, the camel corps soldiers — Meharistes — clashed south of Gafsa with a Nazi force consisting of six armored cars and five trucks full of infantry.

"Although their heaviest gun was of 37 millimeters, the Meharistes bravely attacked the eight-wheeled armored cars, each of which mounted a 75-millimeter artillery piece.

"In the fierce ensuing clash the camel corps, composed 10 per cent of Frenchmen and 90 per cent of native Algerian troops, succeeded in knocking out the leading armored car. After three and one-half hours of fighting under a searing sky, the Germans broke off the engagement and fled. On the desert sands behind them lay 25 dead camels, but not a camel corps soldier had been hurt.

"The Meharistes wear white or sand-colored uniforms of heavy wool. They have a sleeveless vest with an open collar like a sport shirt and white, double-width, baggy pantaloons fastened at the ankles. These are cool in the summer and keep out the dust. For footgear they have cross-strapped sandals which extend out two inches all around the feet as a pad to help in stalking over the sand."

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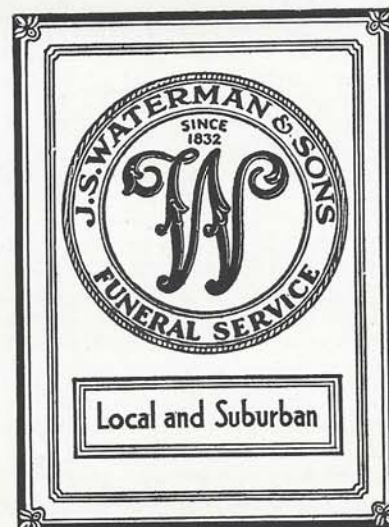
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HERBERT CURTIS CHAPMAN, of Newton Center

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JOHN EDGAR EATON, JR., of Newton Center
JAMES PASCO FLOYD, of New Bedford
RUDOLPH GARLICK, of South Braintree
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EMILE VICTOR GERMONPREZ, of Melrose
VLASIOS GEORGIAN, of Quincy
CHESTER MILTON HALL, of Newburyport
HENRY DAVID HARMON, of Needham
CHARLES DUDLEY HARRINGTON, of Arlington

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RICHARD HENRY JELICOE, of Worcester
EVERETT PERLEY LEAVITT, of Newburyport

JOHN SAMUEL MILLER, of West Newton
PERCY WILLIAM PARRY, of Quincy
BERNARD JACKSON ROSS, of West Roxbury
PETER NICHOLAS STAMAS, of Cambridge
KARNIG TOMAJAN, of Boston
MAURICE LAFAYETTE UPHAM, of Weston
DINSMORE WORTHING, of Malden
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By NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING
Associate Editor

"WHEN THE LEAVES BEGIN TO TURN"

WE are reminded of this old familiar song (although the present generation probably never heard of it), because Labor Day has just passed, and that practically spells the end of summer. Already those of us who live down in "the sticks" can see the change in coloring in the woods. Also fall Shrine activities have increased in tempo.

The third annual circus is looming large on the horizon, and before another issue of the NEWS, will have become past history.

The Potentate believes in giving the boys a run for their money, and staged a second special ceremonial on August 31st, in Symphony Hall, which was a huge success. The Vaudeville show put on by Noble Charles Pike was one of the best it has been our privilege to witness.

The band turned out in goodly numbers in spite of the fact that many were away on vacation. It may be our imagination but it seemed as though the band boys did a better job than usual. This may be due to the fact that Symphony Hall was built with an eye (or should we say ear) to the acoustic properties, which Mechanics Hall sadly lacks.

We were pleased to see Noble "Phil" Bronstein in the line-up with his Sax. We hope now that he has "broken the ice", so to speak, that he will be with us often. Phil used to be a constant attendant at band functions in the years gone by. Capt. Carl Perry was also on the job in spite of his new responsibilities as head of the Harbor Police of Boston. Noble "Ken" Wade was on deck with his oboe, although we understood he had lost a few teeth in an automobile accident.

Noble Charles (Fibber) McGee and the irrepressible Noble "Bill" Bucknam, were back from vacationing up in the wilds of New Hampshire. Bill said it rained for a week and they put in the time playing the National game of draw poker. He told us that at one sitting he drew three cards and cleaned up with a straight flush. That guy must be hung all over with horse shoes. But then, anything is possible with deuces wild. Our usual "three bullets" would not have a Chinaman's chance with that hand, unless like Bill Nye's Chinaman we "had twenty-four Jacks up his sleeve in a game he knew nothing about."

We presume the band will open the circus in Boston Garden on September 25th, as it did the past two years. So we'll be seeing you, we hope.

C. C. F.

THE Secretary of Hibernia Lodge, F. & A. M. of St. John, New Brunswick, Past Potentate Harry D. Hopkins, of Luxor Temple, recently received a letter from the Master of a Danish ship, which we believe is of great interest to all Masons and we are publishing the same for the interests of our readers.

HIBERNIA LODGE F. & A. M.
NO. 3 N.B.R.
Saint John, N. B., Canada
May 2, 1943

To the Brethren of Hibernia Lodge:

Brother Rasmus Hansen Christensen is the master of a Danish ship now in the service of the British Merchant Marine. Brother Christensen arrived in Saint John early this year and made application for membership in Hibernia Lodge. By special dispensation as a sea-faring man he received his three Degrees in the month of March. He wrote the following letter as an indication of his appreciation of Free Masonry in general and of the solicitude of Hibernia Lodge in particular toward him.

"To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brothers of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, N.B.R.

"Dear Sirs and Brothers:

"I hereby beg to express my best thanks for all that has been done for me here in Saint John. It has completely changed my life — a new life started when my eyes were opened up to such great and beautiful things that I never thought existed.

"I came here as a stranger — which life you have not any idea about, but still when I knocked at the door of the Lodge, you opened and let me in and made me a Brother. Words are not enough to explain what it has meant to me and I can assure you that I will, to the utmost of my ability, see that there shall never be a moment when you shall regret that you took me in and made me a Brother, and in my prayers to God I will beg that he will give me strength to be a worthy Brother.

"I am now going to leave Saint John, the city which for me now is my second Mother town, and dearer to me than any other place except my place of birth. As a sea-faring man, it is impossible for me to say when I again can visit Saint John, but will now and then write a letter and when-

ever I get an opportunity I will be in Saint John.

"Yours very sincerely,
"R. H. CHRISTENSEN."

The Worshipful Master felt that the beautiful thoughts expressed by Brother Christensen would be read with interest by all the Brethren with the belief that it would convey to others the idea that Freemasonry is still a great force and effect in the troubled world of today.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
H. D. HOPKINS,
Secretary.



VISITING NOBLES

AMONG the twenty-five hundred Nobles attending the Special Ceremonial at Symphony Hall last month, were thirty-eight (38) visiting Nobles from eighteen (18) different Temples of the Order, located in all parts of the country.

Among the Temples referred to were:

Al Malaikah Temple	Los Angeles
Medinah Temple	Chicago
Abou Saad Temple	Canal Zone
Al Bahr Temple	San Diego
Islam Temple	San Francisco
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By J. ARTHUR McCoy
Associate Editor

IT is a real innovation to hold a ceremonial at Symphony Hall, and the small floor space does not permit any patrol work. Lieutenant Beckman and his augmented second platoon provided a nice little dramatic touch with their display of the thirty-four national flags, and a V-formation on the stage, for the presentation of our large American flag and Aleppo's Service Flag.

It was good to see Dr. Chisholm, much improved, on hand at the ceremonial and Edward Smith, of the second platoon, now in the service, being on leave from Alaska, was also with us.

Russ Lynn's son, Lieutenant Melvin, arrived home on leave on August 27th, after a year of bombing the Japs in the Pacific and over China. It was Russ's birthday, and would have been a joyful day for him, but it was marred by one of those dreaded messages from the War Department at Washington, notifying the family of the death of Russ's son-in-law, Lieutenant Messina. Last month we mentioned Lieutenant Messina and his work as a paratrooper in the invasion of Sicily.

We get but little news from the members of the patrol. Fred Herman, of the first platoon, who is an inspector of naval materiel, is temporarily assigned to the Newport Torpedo Station, but will return to the Boston district at the end of the month. Russell Beck has spent the summer at a camp at Beckett. Arthur Schumann has just spent his vacation bass fishing at Truro. George Gardiner got his name in the papers again, being re-elected Vice-Commander of the American Legion of this State.

A large number of the patrol men were in attendance at the testimonial dinner given Col. Harry Cormerais by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, August 23d. The Colonel, who is our drill instructor, has had a long career in the State Guard, being a member forty-seven years and has been Inspector-General for twenty years.

Jim Babcock, of the fourth platoon, has been summering at Silver Lake, Madison, N. H., and recently entertained his son-in-law, Lieutenant Hagen, who was on leave from the Signal Corps at Fort Myers, Fla.

Walter Weidig, of the first platoon, will be absent from drills while serving in the State Guard on Friday evenings, but will be with us on other occasions.

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SOLDIER DAD WRITES TO 5-WEEKS-OLD SON

THIS letter, first published in *Woman's Home Companion*, has a heart-tug that hits us all. An American soldier in Australia wrote it to his five-weeks-old son whom he had never seen:

"Dear Son:

"Though you are five weeks and three days old the cable telling me about you has just arrived and today, for me, is your birthday and I can be a father in earnest. You see, you had us guessing whether you'd be a little boy or a little girl so all the ruffle-stuff I've been thinking will be discarded for real man-talk. I've so many things to tell you even if we are thousands of miles apart.

"You'll forgive me, I hope, for not being on hand to welcome you but a lot of other Americans and I have a big job to do before you and I can take time to go fishing, tell stories and raise a pup.

"By the way, I'm mighty glad your mother has a man in the house now — she's been needing you. You're not too young to be told that you have a big job, too; keeping Mommy smiling till I get back. Believe you're just the man for the job, too. Girls are funny, son, and Mommy is a little sentimental but she's pretty wonderful, as you already know. However, don't get any ideas that you're top man — I saw Mommy first and you're there to protect my interests.

"I'd like to show your mother this wonderful country — friendly people, our kind of outdoors, horses, dogs and trout streams through green pastures. And animals you'll never believe — kangaroos, wallabies, kookaburras, parakeets, and strange people, too — fine handsome black men with fuzzy hair.

"Seems strange here on the other side of a troubled world to be writing to you, little

fella, and I've known you a long time even if I am so far away. You're a wonderful dream of Mommy's and mine so grow pink and dimpled and get acquainted with your brand-new world and I'll do what I can here to keep it free and fine and decent for you. Be a good soldier. I'm mighty proud to be able to sign this

"Lovingly,

"Your Dad."



DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

A NEW year of activity was inaugurated by Oppela Temple — Daughters of the Nile — with the recent installation of Officers by a suite of past Queens.

The elected and appointed officers inducted included Mrs. Stanley Mason, Queen; Mrs. E. B. Solomon, Princess Royal; Mrs. Grant Chandler, Princess Tirzah; and Mrs. E. B. Schawtz, Princess Badoura.

Two parties have been held by the Temple during the past month, one in Canton with Mrs. C. W. Noffinger as hostess and the other at West Medford with Mrs. Lee Garmony entertaining the members at her home.

Oppela Temple wishes to extend congratulations to Aleppo Temple on the honor which has come to the Temple in the election of Potentate Wilson as Imperial Outer Guard, and wish Aleppo Temple and Potentate Wilson every success.

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